



Montgomery County Council

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2 Dozen State, County and City Elected Officials Join Community Leaders to Oppose Maryland Congressional Redistricting

*Today in Rockville, They Offered Many Reasons Maryland
Voters Should Oppose Question 5 in November*

ROCKVILLE, Md., October 15, 2012—More than two dozen elected officials and community leaders, including six members of the Montgomery County Council, joined together in Rockville today to express their opposition to Maryland's new Congressional map and to urge voters to repeal it on Nov. 6 by voting against Ballot Question 5. Speakers also called for fundamental redistricting reform including the establishment of an independent redistricting commission.

In addition to County Councilmembers Phil Andrews, Marc Elrich, Valerie Ervin, Nancy Floreen, Craig Rice and Hans Riemer, those in attendance included State Delegates Ana Sol Gutierrez (D-Montgomery) and Aisha Braveboy (D-Prince George's); Rockville Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio; Rockville City Councilmembers Tom Moore, Bridget Newton and Mark Pierzchala; Gaithersburg City Councilmembers Jud Ashman, Cathy Drzyzgula and Henry Marraffa; and Takoma Park City Councilmember Seth Grimes.

Delegates Gutierrez and Aisha Braveboy, along with Montgomery Delegates Al Carr and Luis Simmons, voted against the current Congressional map in last October's special session.

Others who attended Monday included Greg Rabidoux, a national redistricting expert, with Common Cause of Maryland; Democratic precinct chairs Michael Cogan, Sheldon Fishman, Margaret Greene and Steve Shapiro; businessman/philanthropist Josh Rales; and community leaders Art Brodsky and Michael Lin.

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